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Dr. John Z. Bowers, Chairman
Medical School Executive Committee

Dear Doctor Bowers:

The ad hoc committee on Expansion of the Program in
Medical Genetics reports as follows:

The Committee believes that the science of genetics is a fundamental aspect of human biology. An appreciation of genetic mechanisms is held to be essential to the understanding of the normal individual and to certain pathological states. It is our judgment that basic research in the field of medical genetics will be expanded and productive on a national scale during the next several decades. We believe that the University of Wisconsin Medical School has an opportunity to assume a degree of leadership in this development by expanding the personnel and facilities in this area and by maintaining close working relationships with the Department of Genetics in the College of Agriculture. We believe that Professor Joshua Lederburg, currently a foremost scholar in the field of microbial genetics, has the basic interest in medical genetics requisite to assuming leadership in the development of this program in the medical school.

Therefore the Committee recommends (1) that the program in medical genetics be expanded, (2) that Professor Joshua Lederberg be offered a joint appointment in the Medical School and the College of Agriculture, and (3) that adequate space and facilities be provided in the current building plans to accomodate this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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